

Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

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R 101432Z JUL 77
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8475

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FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETEL,SA
SUBJECT: DIRECT DIALING WITH U.S.

1. DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR JULY 10, COMMUNICATIONS
MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY AL-GHUNAIM SAID THAT KUWAIT WOULD
HAVE ALL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED FOR DIRECT DIALING WITH THE
U.S. BY SEPTEMBER 1; HOWEVER, IT HAD BEEN INFORMED
BY AT&T THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIRECT DIALING FROM KUWAIT
COULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL BEGINNING OF 1978.
AL-GHUNAIM OPINED THAT THIS MIGHT BE BECAUSE AT&T
FEARED A SUDDEN SURGE IN CALLS. HE COMMENTED THAT KUWAIT
WOULD LIMIT DIRECT DIAL BUSINESS BY REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT
DEPOSITS BEFORE PERMITTING ANY KUWAITI CUSTOMERS TO
DIRECT DIAL.

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WE ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH
THE BACKGROUND OF THIS MATTER, BUT OBVIOUSLY DIRECT
DIALING WOULD BE A GREAT BENEFIT TO MANY FIRMS IN
KUWAIT WHICH PLACE LARGE ORDERS IN THE U.S. AND TO
MANY KUWAITI INVESTMENT HOUSES ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE
U.S. MARKET AS WELL AS TO THE EMBASSY. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING AT&T TO DETERMINE
WHETHER ANYTHING CAN BE DONE TO SPEED UP DIRECT DIAL
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SERVICE (EVEN ON A LIMITED BASIS) BETWEEN KUWAIT
AND U.S.
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Message Attributes

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